

Abstract

The present thesis „Religious literacy“ describes the parish of Kyje and Černý Most first. Then it deals with the concept of literacy itself – starting from the basic ability to read and write, proceeding on to the importance of education in a number of spheres, and finally resulting in such competences that enable people an independent existence within the human society. The thesis then proceeds to focus on individual kinds of literacy and on the relationship between cultural literacy and education. The following part of the thesis is focused on religious literacy itself. Knowledge of other, non-Christian religions, is helpful in this respect. The thesis defines the subject matter and analyzes the circumstances which influence the development of religious literacy, namely from the viewpoint of universal principles of faith and from that of basic terms connected with the sacraments. The development of religious literacy can best be stimulated within the particular family and by an active parish community. The thesis then looks in particular at the development of religious literacy in the parish of Kyje and Černý Most. The core of the thesis is the general view of the parish and the way its religious literacy is intensified there. The religious and cultural literacy has been evaluated from a survey among different categories and age groups of local parishioners. After surveying various parish activities the thesis offers some suggestions how to develop and top up the present activities in order to strengthen the parishioners' religious consciousness. In the end the thesis evaluates the role of mass media and the Internet and their influence on religious literacy.